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Vietnamese hurl best troops at Chinese

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China hurled resupplied armored spearheads into new attacks against tough Vietnamese regulars Thursday and said it had no immediate intention of ending its six-day-old invasion, prompting worldwide fears of a long and escalating war.

Japanese reports said the Soviet Union was mobilizing troops along its border with China and a Russian leader repeated the Kremlin's solemn warning to China to get out of Vietnam "before it is too late."

The United States and three European nations called for an emergency U.N. Security Council meeting on Indochina and Washington warned

Moscow against sending troops to aid Vietnam.

United Press International correspondent Alan Dawson reported from Hanoi that Chinese reinforcements were pouring through the ancient "Friendship Pass" invasion route into Vietnam and that a major battle is shaping up for control of the provincial capital of Lang Son, barely 80 miles (128 kilometers) north of Hanoi.

Dawson said Vietnamese regulars, experienced in long fighting against American GIs, had been thrown against the 15-mile (24-kilometer) China thrust for the first time. Previously the Chinese were opposed by paramilitary and militia forces.

Western military sources told Japan's Kyodo News Service that fighting around Lang Son was

the heaviest in two days. Hanoi claimed it was inflicting heavy casualties on the Chinese.

The Chinese, who earlier captured the provincial capital of Lao Cai in northwest Vietnam, were reported to be sending another 8,000 troops and 40 tanks in the new thrust against Lang Son.

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Vietnam evacuated civilians from the battle zones. Lang Son, normally a city of 40,000, was reported deserted by all but troops.

Intelligence reports also said Peking's troops were mounting new attacks against Cao Bang provincial capital, 120 miles (192 kilometers) north of Hanoi.

Engagements with the Vietnamese army are expected to be the real test of strength for the Chinese invasion, and could prevent an easy withdrawal of Chinese troops.

In a dispatch from Peking, the Japanese Kyodo News Service quoted official government sources as saying that China was "not yet finished punishing Vietnam and will not get out under the current conditions."

Japan offered to mediate the Sino-Vietnamese dispute, saying it feared a long war. "There are fears that this will be a long-term thing," Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda told parliament in Tokyo Thursday.

Japanese reports said the Soviet Union has begun mobilizing troops along its Chinese

border.

The Soviet Union said nothing about its military activities but in Moscow Politburo member and KGB security police chief Yuri Andropov reiterated his government's warning to Peking to pull back its invasion force "before it is too late."

America's grave fear is that the conflict could lead to the Soviet Union moving troops into Vietnam and possibly establishing permanent bases.

President Carter forewarned Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping the United States was opposed to any Chinese military action against Vietnam, a top foreign policy official said Thursday.

Insight CIA morale questioned by officials Agency hit hard by resignations

By Seymour M. Hersh
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WASHINGTON — Another wave of resignations and early retirements has struck the Central Intelligence Agency, officials said Thursday, amid renewed reports that morale there had plummeted.

Intelligence officials acknowledged that as many as 200 middle- and senior-level management officials, including some regarded as the most admired professionals in the agency, chose to resign last month to obtain maximum benefits under an early retirement. CIA officials said the turnover amounted to "sort of the end of a generation here."

But past and present agency employees characterized the retirements as another sign that agency morale remained in decline. One well-informed official cited the case of a widely respected official, Vincent Heyman, who retired last month as director of the CIA's operations center to take a position with the Defense Intelligence Agency, one of the CIA's chief competitors in Washington bureaucracy.

Adding to the apparent morale problems has been the agency's decision to inspect the briefcases and purses of employees leaving the headquarters building in suburban Virginia, as well as a recent wave of employee lie-detector tests aimed at finding alleged security violators. More than 15 employees have been dismissed or faced sanctions in the last year as a result of those tests, agency officials said.

The searches began late last fall. In November, CIA employee William Kampiles was convicted of stealing a satellite surveillance manual and selling it to a Soviet Union official for \$3,000. Other documents also were reported missing from CIA headquarters.

The new retirements became known at a time when many officials in Washington have speculated that President Carter has become disenchanted with Adm. Stansfield Turner, the CIA Director.

Some officials have said recently that Secretary of Energy James R. Schlesinger is known to be eager to return to a national security post in the government. Schlesinger had served as Secretary of Defense and CIA Director in earlier administrations.

But a high White House aide said Thursday that Turner has President Carter's confidence.

Another official, defending the agency, noted that critics were overlooking the stream of reliable information the CIA has provided the White House about the current border war between China and Vietnam.

In late 1977, Turner eliminated roughly 800 jobs, many of them through attrition. But other officials were dismissed or ordered to resign.

A CIA official said Thursday that despite last month's retirements, the overall retirement total for 1978 was only about 20 percent higher than the retirement rate for the previous year.

At least one CIA man was dismissed after lie detector tests indicated that he had given highly classified materials to a congressman, officials said. The offenses involved in the other dismissals, about 15 in number, were not given.

A second irritant cited by former and present employees involved the agency's practice of searching the briefcases and purses of employees leaving work.

Told of those complaints, an agency official said, "You can't have it both ways. You've got guys walking out of here with classified manuals and then we try to polygraph them to stop it — and they complain."



Jeff Jasper

Water's magic

An early morning rain reflects the street lights of East Broadway, giving a glitter to the streets that have been covered for so long.

The rain and this week's warm temperatures combined to clear the remains of winter's snow.

Boone County will not get coal gas plant

By Mary Wells
Missourian staff writer

Boone County is no longer a likely site for one of the two coal gasification plants proposed for Missouri, supporters of the plants said Thursday.

"It's very doubtful that a site will be selected in Boone County," said Russell Streich, project manager of Consumer Energy Corp., the nonprofit organization supporting the plants.

Consumer Energy Corp. is seeking a 90-day extension on submission of the final report of a Kansas City engineering firm doing a feasibility study of the proposed plants. The extension is being sought from the Ozark Regional Com-

mission, and until the report is complete a final selection of the sites is uncertain.

The delay in the final report resulted from the heavy snow cover and the uncertainty surrounding the federal government's ever-changing energy policy.

Streich said there are two main reasons why the Boone County sites are no longer under consideration:

➤ Previous engineering reports indicated the economic necessity of locating the gasification plants within 25 miles (40 kilometers) of coal supplies.

➤ Coal gasification facilities are more suitable for totally rural areas.

Streich said that although some parts of Boone County are rural enough, Howard and Randolph counties are more rural in lifestyles and have a greater need for economic growth. "It is only logical for us to build in areas that want us."

Mayor Bill Anderson of Fayette, a member of Consumer Energy Corp., said, "The last thing we want to do is force our way in where we're not wanted."

Streich and Anderson referred to strong opposition to the plants that developed in Boone County when possible sites were identified. Contradicting early engineering reports, some mid-Missouri residents claimed the

plants would be inefficient and dirty. They questioned the effects the plant and the industries it would attract would have on the area.

A special Columbia task force criticized the project in 1977. It maintained the gasification proposal was ill-conceived and the process technologically unproven.

A mid-Missouri plant is still under consideration but in an area where there is "a real need and desire for industry and population growth," Anderson said. This likely excludes Boone County.

Anderson said that although the plants probably won't be built near Columbia, the city is expected to be a

County 11th in fairness of tax bills

By Della Fichtel
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The average property owner in Boone County pays taxes on 25.7 percent of his property's value despite a state law requiring assessments at one-third of value. The county, however, is doing a better job than 102 other counties in the state.

Those facts were revealed Thursday when the Missouri State Tax Commission released the results of its latest study on property tax assessment ratios. The study showed that Boone County's assessment rate is the 11th highest in the state. Ten counties are closer to the statutory one-third assessment, but none meets the requirement.

County Assessor Tom Drane said the results indicate, "We're not too bad children. There are a lot worse children in the state."

The commission's report on Boone County is based on the appraisal of 160 parcels of residential, commercial and agricultural property by commission field agents and a private appraising firm.

Drane said there are about 40,000 parcels of land in Boone County, and the accuracy of the report is questionable because of the small sample.

"I'd rather they used 1,000 parcels," he said.

In some small counties, the results were based on appraisals of as few as 50 pieces of property.

The properties appraised in the study were chosen at random by a computer from records in each county's assessor's office.

The highest assessment ratio in the state is 29.8 percent in Howard County, according to the study. The lowest figure, 14.7 percent of market value, was found in Stone County.

A similar study conducted last year showed assessment ratios ranged from 9.7 percent to 58.4 percent of market value. Boone County's average rate was 24.2 percent.

prime market for gas and electricity produced at the mid-Missouri plant. "The plant may prove the solution to Columbia's electrical needs in the future," he said.

The plants would gasify high-sulphur Missouri coal and burn the gas to produce electricity. Excess synthetic gas and the sulphur byproduct would be sold to industry.

Streich said it is probable that only one of the two proposed plants would be constructed initially. Which location, northern Missouri or mid-Missouri, gets that plant will depend upon public acceptance of the plant and the availability of financing.

Teens to be arraigned in murder

By Sharon Gray
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Mitchell Osburn and Shawn Bonuchi, the teen-agers charged with the Nov. 29 shooting death of 25-year-old Columbia car salesman Gregory Bond, were bound over Thursday for arraignment in Boone County Circuit Court.

Bonuchi, 104 Sylvan Lane, and Osburn, 1701 Oakwood Court, are charged with capital murder, armed criminal action and armed robbery. The youths, both 17, were arrested in El Reno, Okla., on Nov. 30. They were brought handcuffed to their preliminary hearings in Associate Circuit Judge Joan Pinnell's court Thursday.

Testimony was similar in the hearings. Osburn's hearing was held first and lasted three hours, while Bonuchi's lasted one hour.

In Bonuchi's hearing, Columbian

Steven Walker testified he saw Bonuchi hitchhiking the night of Nov. 23 and picked him up. Walker said Bonuchi told him of his plans to steal an auto from Kelley Pontiac. They drove to the dealership where Bonuchi pointed out a white Firebird Formula, Walker testified.

Two of Bond's co-workers at Kelley Pontiac-Subaru, 705 Business Loop 70 E., testified at both hearings they saw Bond the morning of Nov. 29.

John Kahl Ireland testified he saw Bond leaving the showroom with two other people he described as young and white with medium to long haircuts. They walked toward the new car lot, Ireland said.

Kenneth Hendren, also an employee of Kelley Pontiac, testified he saw Bond leaving the dealership in the passenger's seat of a 1979 Firebird Formula. Two people were with Bond,

one driving and the other in the back seat, Hendren said.

El Reno police officer Mike Selfridge arrested the two youths in an El Reno cemetery Nov. 30.

A computer check of the vehicle identification number showed the car had been reported stolen Nov. 29 from Columbia, Selfridge said.

Detective Arthur Power of the El Reno Police Department testified that Osburn told Capt. Ray Watson he had taken the car. Power also said Osburn became traumatic and began crying during the questioning. Osburn said he needed help because he wasn't a killer and that he thought Bond was dead, Power testified.

Missouri and Oklahoma statutes require that a natural parent, legal guardian, attorney, or adult friend be present during the questioning of a juvenile. Otherwise, the information

obtained may be inadmissible in court. Selfridge said no persons of this description were present when Osburn was questioned by Power.

A 20-gauge shotgun found in the trunk of the Firebird, a dealer's plate found under the driver's seat and identified by Ireland as Bond's, a dealer's emblem removed from the back of the car, a blood sample taken at the autopsy and soil, grass and leaf samples taken from the area near where the body was found were admitted as evidence.

Blood found on the emblem and in the grass, leaf and soil samples matched Bond's blood type, testified Kwei Lee Su, lab technician for the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Bonuchi and Osburn will be arraigned Monday in Boone County Circuit Court. They are certified to stand trial as adults and will be tried separately.

Inside today

Nursing home bill

The Missouri Senate tentatively approved a comprehensive nursing home licensing and regulation bill it had debated for more than a week. See Page 12A.

In town today

7:30 p.m. "A Comedy of Errors." Studio Theater, Gentry Hall basement, University.
8 p.m. "Guys and Dolls." Stephens College Assembly Hall.

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